

THE PREVAILING FASHION.

Some of the Neat Styles That Will be Worn by Our Wee Women.

PRETTY GOWNS OF INDIA SILK POPULAR.

Picturesque Accessories to Afternoon Teas and the Costumes Worn—A Hand-some Baby Crib.



As a rule American children are not as much pampered by their clothes as French ones. It is amusing to see these little women in the Bois or the Champs Elysees in Paris looking like counterparts of their mothers as becalmed, bedazzled and belated, and evidently feeling grim and uncomfortable, and their alarm when any portion of their toilet is disarranged is amusing, accustomed as we are to the untrammelled freedom of American children.

The beauty of face and tasteful attire of young America often furnishes a text for the foreign writers who come to this country; the children here are not attired in the old-fashioned homely style of those of England, nor do they look like dolls or miniature men and women like those of France.

Barring the extremely long dresses, our little ones are dressed with due regard to hygiene, comfort and beauty, and grow up well-formed men and women with figures that leave little to be desired.

Children nowadays are picturesque accessories to their mamma's afternoon teas, and little girls who are old enough frequently assist their mamma by handing around the dainty little cups of Russian tea upon quaintly decorated saucers. The costumes worn on these occasions are usually of pale colors, such as Watteau blue, Pompadour green, or even the pinkish heliotropes and ivory whites in veiling, wash silk or Canton crepe.

Fashions have invaded the domain of childhood, and when not too obtrusive are becoming to half-grown girls, with tall, thin figures and long, undeveloped waists. The backs are almost invariably full, but the fronts may be slightly draped, ornamented with bows, passementerie or ribbon velvet, set on in rows along the foot.

Pretty little gowns are made of India silk strewn with the tiniest flowers imaginable, pink or of more elaborate design are also used, but the self-colored Indias are by far the most popular.

For damp days the tailor suits made of the checked chevrons and serges will be found extremely serviceable. For seaside and country gowns nothing seems to usurp the place of the plain and fancy French flannels, which are now wrought in such lovely combinations of colors.

Of course the wee woman is polka dotted, zebra striped and banded just like her mamma, for hasn't she quite as much right to be robed in the latest style, even if it is inartistic and conspicuous?

The yoke is the prevailing form of bodice, rivalled, however, by the fairwater jacket or the Swiss bodice, which is worn indifferently with any skirt, the guimpe of India linen appearing alone. Loose Fedora fronts of some soft material, sailor waists and elaborated and pleated bodices of every description are in style. Poodle waists, either dotted, striped or plain, are very useful, as they can be easily changed, and are nice with wooden skirts.

Provident mothers are already engaged in making up the wardrobes of the rising generation, and an excellent model for wash goods is of spotted, percale, with full, round skirt and gathered bodice, finished at the neck with a Henry II. full of Swiss embroidery. The sleeves are full and the cuffs are of the embroidery. A leather belt or a wide sash such is an addition to this pretty and simple costume.



A gown for a miss of fourteen is of ocean blue serge with skirts pleated as far as the hips; the front is smartly draped and a border of black soutache ornaments the bottom; the folded bodice opens over V's of black velvet, and beneath the high draped sleeves are tight ones of velvet.

Both extremely simple and elaborate make prevails in the little gowns. Nothing more simple and sweet could well be imagined than the dainty zephyr and chambray gowns, which are made with gathered waists and full skirts, the latter tucked or simply hemmed.

Bandanna and tartan plaid gingham make gay and picturesque dresses. They are often cut on the bias and edged with a tiny bias ruffle of fold.

Stripes of all kinds are popular, a stylish little suit being of gray and red striped zephyr gingham. The yoke and cuffs were red, around the belt were deep tints of red, ornamented with narrow white braid, and about six inches above the hem was a band of the red.

Blue, white and scarlet reefers with the regulation naval insignia are worn by little girls as well as boys. Some of the blue ones have the sailor collar and cuffs of crimson or white and vice versa.

Black is decidedly in favor for children's gowns and hats, black India, lawn and batists all being used. It is a very sensible fashion, but the black should be relieved with colored ribbon trimming, embroidery or feather stitching. A decided innovation is a Gretchen gown of black India square-necked and sleeveless; on the bodice is embroidered a spray of cowslips, and on the skirt are five rows of yellow Tom Thumb ribbon run through black lace beading; the guimpe is of yellow silk with black lace at neck, at wrist.

Little girls in morning are wearing black batiste with white pin dots, or the sheer black organdie with tiny white flowerets strewn on the surface.

Black mull, batiste and silk cape and hats are much worn, often a great rosette of narrow pique edge ribbon giving a note of brill-

liant color to the otherwise sombre headgear.

In these days when woman's ingenuity contrives many elegant looking objects from humble beginnings, there is much that can be done with a wicker basket, a pot of enamel paint and a few yards of silks, dotted muslin and val lace.

I saw a lovely baby crib the other day which looked as if it might have cost twenty-five dollars and in reality it cost but five. It was covered with a splat cloth, blue and white, painted white and mounted upon four legs, finished with casters; a deep valance of pale blue cambric veiled with dotted muslin edged with val lace concealed the legs; two broomsticks which had been treated to the point of white cheese cloth tied with blue and a dainty hemstitched pillow case and embroidered crib cover completed the outfit.

The gown in the cut is of gray English homespun trimmed with braid; the jacket is of gray with cuffs and reverse of marine blue velvet; the buttons are gilt.

SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

German Complimentary—Receptions—Per-sonals.

A complimentary german was given to Dr. Charles L. Siegel last Thursday night at Belvidere Hall. It was one of the nicest and most enjoyable affairs of the season.

Many pretty girls were present, representative from both East and West End.

Dr. Siegel complimented leaving Richmond shortly for Low Moor, Va., where he will practice his profession.

His friends wish him abundant success.

Miss Eloise Hood, of Baltimore, daughter of President J. M. Hood, of the Western Maryland railroad, is visiting her cousin, Governor McKim. Miss Hood, upon the completion of her studies at Mrs. Sylvanus Reed's in New York city, made a tour of twelve months through Europe and the Holy Land, from which she has quite recently returned.

A reception and surprise party was given on Friday evening to Mrs. Dr. Roe Logan, of New York city, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. S. Rich, on south Fifth street, where she is visiting at present. The affair was a very enjoyable one, and the evening was spent with music and conversation. Among those present were Miss Nora Burke, Miss Lillie Forstman, Miss Lenora Forstman, Miss Emily Waddill, Miss Annie B. Kirk, Miss Emma Hunton, Misses Esau and Lina Rich, Mrs. S. Rich, Messrs. James Kirk, T. D. Frey, George Carter, Sam Carter, H. G. Lumpkins, Louis Rich.

Mrs. Dr. Logan entertained her guests by her fine play on the piano, while Miss Annie B. Kirk and Misses Esau and Lina Rich sang several solos. A collation was served later in the evening by Mr. Moesta, the well-known caterer.

CHURCH MATTERS.

Swedenborgian Doctrine to be Preached, Dr. Wharton.

Rev. Dr. M. B. Wharton, recently pastor of the First church, Montgomery, Ala., and now pastor of the Freeman-street church, Norfolk, is in Richmond, stopping at Ford's Hotel.

This morning he is in charge of Dr. Pitt, pastor of the Venable-street church. At half-past 10 A. M. he will speak to the Venable-street Sunday-school, and at 11 A. M. he will preach in the Venable-street church. The anniversary sermon to the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

At 8 P. M. he will preach for Dr. Landrum the anniversary sermon of the Young Men's Missionary Society, of that church, at the Venable-street church. He is a brother of Rev. W. M. Wharton, D. D., so well and favorably known in Richmond.

The Rev. J. Edward Smith, of the Maryland Association of the New Jerusalem, will visit this city on April 23d, and deliver lectures on the following subjects:

Thursday night, April 23d, "Second Coming of the Lord"; Friday night, 24th, "What Is Meant by the New Jerusalem"; Sunday morning, 25th, "What Is Man?"; Sunday night, "The Bible and How to Understand It"; Tuesday and Wednesday, 26th and 27th, "The Second Death"; Thursday, Friday and Saturday lectures will be given at Smith's new hall, 304 north Fifth street.

All who desire to know something of the doctrines of Emanuel Swedenborg should attend.

DOINGS IN MANCHESTER.

Items of Interest From the Other Side of the River.

Mrs. C. A. Brodnax is quite ill at her residence on Porter street.

There was a considerable fall of hail in Chesterfield, near Petersburg, Thursday afternoon.

Rev. Dr. J. Y. Fair will preach this morning at 11 o'clock at the Presbyterian church.

Rev. L. J. Spencer, pastor of Cowardin-avenue Christian church, will preach in Leader hall to-night.

The usual services will be held at Central church to-day. The pastor expects to fill the pulpit as usual at 11 o'clock. The revival services will be continued during the coming week.

The Rev. C. N. Van Houten will deliver a sermon before New South Council No. 8, Jr. O. U. A. M., at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

The members will meet at the hall at 2:30 P. M., and march to the church. Prayers and Liberty Councils will also attend. The public are invited.

Mrs. John F. McGinn died at her home on Fourth street Friday afternoon, and her funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Fifth-street Methodist church. It was held last Monday that the husband of the deceased passed away, and while his funeral was in progress Wednesday his infant child died.

The revival services at Central Methodist church Friday night were largely attended. There were eight conversions and many requests for prayer.

The services last night were conducted in the lecture-room of the church.

WIFE AND DAUGHTER'S DEGREE.

The Ladies Will Soon be Going to Lodge at Night.

At the last regular session of St. John's Lodge, No. 736, A. F. and A. M., it was decided to have at an early day a meeting of all the members of the lodge, their wives and daughters, over sixteen years of age, with the object in view of having the Master Mason's Wife and Daughter's degree exemplified to such as wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

The Worshipful Master, Albert Witte, who has had a most successful administration, has been requested to make arrangements complete for this occasion.

There will be vocal and instrumental music by select talent, and Captain Frank Cunningham, who is a member of this lodge, will be requested to look after that part of the programme.

Bandanna and tartan plaid gingham make gay and picturesque dresses. They are often cut on the bias and edged with a tiny bias ruffle of fold.

Stripes of all kinds are popular, a stylish little suit being of gray and red striped zephyr gingham. The yoke and cuffs were red, around the belt were deep tints of red, ornamented with narrow white braid, and about six inches above the hem was a band of the red.

Blue, white and scarlet reefers with the regulation naval insignia are worn by little girls as well as boys. Some of the blue ones have the sailor collar and cuffs of crimson or white and vice versa.

Black is decidedly in favor for children's gowns and hats, black India, lawn and batists all being used. It is a very sensible fashion, but the black should be relieved with colored ribbon trimming, embroidery or feather stitching. A decided innovation is a Gretchen gown of black India square-necked and sleeveless; on the bodice is embroidered a spray of cowslips, and on the skirt are five rows of yellow Tom Thumb ribbon run through black lace beading; the guimpe is of yellow silk with black lace at neck, at wrist.

Little girls in morning are wearing black batiste with white pin dots, or the sheer black organdie with tiny white flowerets strewn on the surface.

Black mull, batiste and silk cape and hats are much worn, often a great rosette of narrow pique edge ribbon giving a note of brill-

liant color to the otherwise sombre headgear. In these days when woman's ingenuity contrives many elegant looking objects from humble beginnings, there is much that can be done with a wicker basket, a pot of enamel paint and a few yards of silks, dotted muslin and val lace.

OUR ATHLETICS IN VIRGINIA.

Our Boat Club Preparing For the Rowing Season.

THE FIRST STROKE MADE YESTERDAY.

Crew to be Formed to Defend the Challenge Cup—Sports in General Everywhere.

Three different times the boat-house of the Virginia Boat Club has been thoroughly cleaned preparatory to the formal opening season, but twice the muddy James river put in its veto and laid siege to the building.

Usually the rowing season opens on March 1st, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

This year, however, not a stroke had been rowed until yesterday afternoon, when a few members of the club met on Mayo's Island and had a little trial trip.

The boat-house is in first-class shape and ready for a successful season.

The float is in position and the gangway, which forms the communication between the house proper and the float, has been completed.

To-morrow the season will open formally, and for the next six or seven months some lively scenes will be witnessed on the James river every afternoon.

During the coming week the necessary steps will be taken to form a crew which is to defend the challenge cup of the Virginia Amateur Rowing Association, to be rowed for by four-oared gig crews on Saturday, July 4th.

The old crew that won the cup two years ago, up to the present time only two members have declared their willingness to row for the cup again—Messrs. R. Broadnax and George Peckham.

In all probability Mr. Dorsey E. Cullen will take up to Ashland and a fourth member will no doubt be found without any difficulty.

Besides, there will be at least one more crew going into training for a four-oared junior gig race, and the coming regatta promises to be an event of rare interest.

COLLEGE BOAT CLUB.

The boat club that has been started under the auspices of the Athletic Association of Richmond College is progressing very nicely.

Arrangements have been made by that club with the Virginia Boat Club by which the college boys will have a crew of five admitted to the house of the latter, where they can store their boat when received.

The five men who make up the crew will be admitted to the privileges of the boat-house against the payment of a small sum per month for rent and storage.

The club has been an order for a working boat, but until its arrival the crew will have the use of the "Olympic" of the Virginians.

The crew has been at the boat-house several afternoons last week to get things in shape, and they will begin rowing early this week.

On Tuesday evening the prospective members of this club will meet in the parlor of the Association building, of which Mr. S. W. Travers, president of the association, will be chairman.

John R. West, R. S. Bosher and other members of the board of directors have promised to assist the undertaking financially and otherwise, and it is safe to say that its success seems to be assured.

The business men of this city will also have an opportunity to show their liberality, and the degree of the high degree of public spirit which always manifests itself when appealed to in this city, it will not be very difficult to raise the amount necessary to put the club on its feet.

PLEASURE BOATING.

For the present it is only intended to develop one feature of the aquatic sport, that of pleasure boating.

It is possible, however, that in the near future the Young Men's Christian Association of this city will be represented by a crew in the annual regatta.

However, the securing of racing boats is a rather expensive undertaking, and should therefore be postponed to the present.

It is the intention to secure about half a dozen of pleasure-boats of the most improved construction, and a floating boat-house will be constructed at an early date.

If the necessary arrangements can be made by the proper parties, the boat-house will be located somewhere on the lower end of Mayo's Island.

Otherwise, some point on the river in the lower part of the city will be selected.

In this connection it may be well to state that a wrong impression has been created by a publication made elsewhere to the effect that the new club would use flat-bottom and keel-bottom boats, and not gigs and shells as the Richmond Boat Club.

The facts in the matter are that the Virginia Boat Club has no intention of using a number of race boats, consisting of gigs and shells, but also possesses a half a dozen pleasure boats, which are all round-bottom boats of the latest pattern.

The new boat club, which is to be started this week, will not be provided with any shells and gigs as they are usually found on the river, but their boats will be equally as good as the pleasure boats of the Virginians.

NOT BEEN POPULAR.

The fact is that there have been few decent row boats on the James river heretofore, and the sport of rowing has, therefore, not been very popular with our young people.

A change to the better will certainly be brought about this summer, and that the young ladies will also be benefited by the change is a fact without saying, for any number of them will have the privilege of enjoying a spin down the river.

The Virginia boys have always been very fond of taking their lady friends out rowing, and in order to increase their facilities they will increase their fleet of pleasure boats by two this season.

Besides they have ordered a new four-oared working boat.

The new club of the Young Men's Christian Association will probably set aside three days of rowing for ladies' days.

The Virginia Amateur Rowing Association, which at one time last season was on a fair way to destruction, starts in this year under very favorable auspices, and its prospects never have been brighter before.

At its last annual meeting a very good selection of officers has been secured.

Mr. Carter R. Bishop, the popular and successful president of the Appomattox Boat Club in Petersburg, who has been elected president of the association, will no doubt use his influence in the interest of the association.

He will be ably assisted by Secretary J. L. Hill and Treasurer William Gray Watson, of the Virginia Club.

As soon as entries will be received for the coming regatta responses will be made by at least four of the clubs that belong to the association for the four-oared gig race alone, and besides there will be participants enough in the other races from the various clubs to make the programme a very interesting one.

ATHLETICS IN RICHMOND.

Athletics at Richmond College are at a boom this season.

The students of the college maintain an athletic association which has control of every description of athletics.

The officers of the association for the present year are as follows: President, R. G. Hiden; Vice President, H. Ryland; Secretary, Harvey Hatcher, Jr.; Treasurer, William Gray Watson, Jr.; Tennis and field day and the executive committee, which is composed of the officers of the association and the chairmen of the various committees.

Field day, or the annual exhibition of the brawn and muscle of the college, will be held on the 28th instant, and the boys are daily practicing for the contests in running, jumping, etc. Field day is held under the auspices of the Athletic Association, and, with the assistance of Dr. Hiden and Professor Boettcher, it is thought that the field of 1891 will be the best and most satisfactory yet held.

Medals will be awarded for the following events: Mile run, mile walk, 200 yards dash, pole vault, broad jump, high jump, gymnastics, 100 yards dash, 200 yards dash, 400 yards dash, 800 yards dash, 1,600 yards dash, 3,200 yards dash, 6,400 yards dash, 12,800 yards dash, 25,600 yards dash, 51,200 yards dash, 102,400 yards dash, 204,800 yards dash, 409,600 yards dash, 819,200 yards dash, 1,638,400 yards dash, 3,276,800 yards dash, 6,553,600 yards dash, 13,107,200 yards dash, 26,214,400 yards dash, 52,428,800 yards dash, 104,857,600 yards dash, 209,715,200 yards dash, 419,430,400 yards dash, 838,860,800 yards dash, 1,677,721,600 yards dash, 3,355,443,200 yards dash, 6,710,886,400 yards dash, 13,421,772,800 yards dash, 26,843,545,600 yards dash, 53,687,091,200 yards dash, 107,374,182,400 yards dash, 214,748,364,800 yards dash, 429,496,729,600 yards dash, 858,993,459,200 yards dash, 1,717,986,918,400 yards dash, 3,435,973,836,800 yards dash, 6,871,947,673,600 yards dash, 13,743,895,347,200 yards dash, 27,487,790,694,400 yards dash, 54,975,581,388,800 yards dash, 109,951,162,777,600 yards dash, 219,902,325,555,200 yards dash, 439,804,651,110,400 yards dash, 879,609,302,220,800 yards dash, 1,759,218,604,441,600 yards dash, 3,518,437,208,883,200 yards dash, 7,036,874,417,766,400 yards dash, 14,073,748,835,532,800 yards dash, 28,147,497,671,065,600 yards dash, 56,294,995,342,131,200 yards dash, 112,589,990,684,262,400 yards dash, 225,179,981,368,524,800 yards dash, 450,359,962,737,049,600 yards dash, 900,719,925,474,099,200 yards dash, 1,801,439,850,948,198,400 yards dash, 3,602,879,701,896,396,800 yards dash, 7,205,759,403,792,793,600 yards dash, 14,411,518,807,585,587,200 yards dash, 28,823,037,615,171,174,400 yards dash, 57,646,075,230,342,348,800 yards dash, 115,292,150,460,684,697,600 yards dash, 230,584,300,921,369,395,200 yards dash, 461,168,601,842,738,790,400 yards dash, 922,337,203,685,477,580,800 yards dash, 1,844,674,407,370,955,161,600 yards dash, 3,689,348,814,741,910,323,200 yards dash, 7,378,697,629,483,820,646,400 yards dash, 14,757,395,258,967,641,292,800 yards dash, 29,514,790,517,935,282,585,600 yards dash, 59,029,581,035,870,565,171,200 yards dash, 118,059,162,071,741,130,342,400 yards dash, 236,118,324,143,482,260,684,800 yards dash, 472,236,648,286,964,521,369,600 yards dash, 944,473,296,573,929,042,739,200 yards dash, 1,888,946,593,147,858,085,478,400 yards dash, 3,777,893,186,295,716,170,956,800 yards dash, 7,555,786,372,591,432,341,913,600 yards dash, 15,111,572,745,182,864,683,827,200 yards dash, 30,223,145,490,365,729,367,654,400 yards dash, 60,446,290,980,731,458,735,308,800 yards dash, 120,892,581,961,462,917,470,617,600 yards dash, 241,785,163,922,925,834,941,235,200 yards dash, 483,570,327,845,851,669,882,470,400 yards dash, 967,140,655,691,703,339,764,940,800 yards dash, 1,934,281,311,383,406,679,529,881,600 yards dash, 3,868,562,622,766,813,359,059,763,200 yards dash, 7,737,125,245,533,626,718,119,526,400 yards dash, 15,474,250,491,067,253,436,239,052,800 yards dash, 30,948,500,982,134,506,872,478,105,600 yards dash, 61,897,001,964,269,013,744,956,211,200 yards dash, 123,794,003,928,538,027,489,912,422,400 yards dash, 247,588,007,857,076,054,979,824,844,800 yards dash, 495,176,015,714,152,109,959,849,689,600 yards dash, 990,352,031,428,304,219,919,699,379,200 yards dash, 1,980,704,062,856,608,439,839,398,758,400 yards dash, 3,961,408,125,713,216,879,678,797,516,800 yards dash, 7,922,816,251,426,433,759,357,595,033,600 yards dash, 15,845,632,502,852,867,518,715,190,067,200 yards dash, 31,691,265,005,705,735,037,430,380,134,400 yards dash, 63,382,530,011,411,470,074,060,760,268,800 yards dash, 126,765,060,022,822,940,148,120,520,537,600 yards dash, 253,530,120,045,645,880,296,240,104,071,168,000 yards dash, 507,060,240,091,291,760,592,480,208,142,336,000 yards dash, 1,014,120,480,182,583,521,185,184,416,284,672,000 yards dash, 2,028,240,960,365,167,042,370,368,832,569,344,000 yards dash, 4,056,481,920,730,334,084,740,737,665,138,688,000 yards dash, 8,112,963,841,460,668,169,481,475,331,277,376,000 yards dash, 16,225,927,682,921,336,338,962,950,662,554,752,000 yards dash, 32,451,855,365,842,672,677,925,901,325,110,944,000 yards dash, 64,903,710,731,685,345,355,851,802,650,221,888,000 yards dash, 129,807,421,463,370,690,711,703,705,300,443,776,000 yards dash, 259,614,842,926,741,381,423,407,407,600,887,552,000 yards dash, 519,229,685,853,482,762,846,814,815,215,175,110,400 yards dash, 1,038,459,371,706,965,525,693,629,630,430,350,220,800 yards dash, 2,076,918,743,413,931,051,387,259,260,860,700,441,600 yards dash, 4,153,837,486,827,862,102,774,518,521,721,401,883,200 yards dash, 8